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BEDWAS AND MACHEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

YEAR 1967-68

Chairman.....Councillor F.S. Nind.
Vice Chairman.....Councillor R.T. Davies.

MEMBERS:-

Councillor	L. Nicholas.	Councillor	A.E. Gameson.
"	L.D. James.	"	M. Jones.
"	F. Phipps.	"	M.G. Lewis.
"	W.C. Barnes.	"	J.E. Bird.
"	S.G. Lewis.	"	R.T. Davies.
"	H. Horton.	"	L. Norval.
"	G.R. Beeston.	"	E.V. Matthews.

OFFICERS :-

Clerk of the Council.....	R.W.P. Humphreys.
Medical Officer of Health.....	K.E. Howells.
Engineer & Surveyor.....	R.F.E. Ruttley.
Chief Financial Officer.....	D.N. Lewis. A.C.I.S.
Public Health Inspector.....	H.R. Sulway. M.A.P.H.I.
Addittional Public Health Inspector.....	I. Jones. M.A.P.H.I.
Bankers.....	Co-operative Wholesale Society.

Council Offices,

Bedwas.

Mon.

June, 1968.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bedwas and Machen Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ending
31st December, 1967.

STATISTICS RELATING TO THE URBAN DISTRICT

Approximate Area.....	6,200 acres.
Population (Census 1961).....	10,230
Population (Estimated Mid-June 1966).....	11,530
Rateable Value (1966).....	£218,333
Rate in the £.....	16s. 6d.
Product of Penny Rate (Estimated).....	£796

The population figures are still on the increase and with the projected scheme for the erection of 513 houses on the Graig-y-Rhacca No. 2 site and the development of new factories on the industrial site it is most probable that the figures will go on increasing.

BIRTH RATES

LIVE BIRTHS

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Legitimate.	92	93	185
Illegitimate.	3	7	10
TOTAL	95	100	195

BIRTH RATE PER THOUSAND OF THE POPULATION

Bedwas and Machen U.D.C. (Crude).....	16.9
England & Wales.....	17.2

STILL BIRTHS

The total number of still-births during the year were:-

3 Males and 2 Females

STILL BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS:-

Bedwas and Machen U.D.C.....	25.
England & Wales.....	14.8

INFANT MORTALITY

The total number of deaths of children under 1 year of age:-

1 Male and 1 Female.

INFANT MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS:-

Bedwas and Machen U.D.C.....	10.
England and Wales.....	18.3

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Number of Maternal Deaths.....NIL

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES

CAUSE OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Cancer (Stomach)	2	3	5
Cancer (Lung)	2	0	2
Cancer (Uterus)	0	1	1
Other Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	5	7
Coronary Disease, angina	23	8	31
Vascular lesions of Nervous system	9	10	19
Other Heart Disease	2	5	7
Other circulatory Disease	3	3	6
Pneumonia	1	3	4
Bronchitis	6	0	6
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	11	4	15
Diabetes	0	1	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrohea	1	0	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	0	1	1
Suicide	1	0	1
Accidents	2	4	6
Motor Accident	0	1	1
Other Diseases of R.S.	1	0	1
	56	49	105

DEATH RATE PER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION

Bedwas and Machen U.D.C.....9.1
 England and Wales.....11.2

PREVELENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

This year's infectious diseases notifications which were sent in by the local practitioners and institutions are:-

The total number of notifications were 95.

The cases notified and classified in Ward Incidence are as follows:-

WARD	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	T.B.
Maesycwmmmer.	46	11	3	1
Bedwas.	4	0	0	1
Trethomas.	29	11	2	1
Machen.	6	0	0	0
TOTAL	85	2	5	3

TUBERCULOSIS

There were no deaths from tuberculosis notified during the year and 3 new cases were received as follows:-

WARD INCIDENCE

Ward	Males	Females
Maesycwmmmer.	1	0
Bedwas.	0	1
Trethomas.	11	0
TOTAL	2	11

The above cases reported were of the Pulmonary Tuberculosis type, with the exception of 1 case where the renal was affected.

HOUSING

Steady progress is being made with regard to the provision of Council owned houses, and the erection of 513 houses on the Graig-y-Rhacca Site No. 2., will go a very long way to satisfy the people who are anxious to have a house.

The demolition of the Aluminium type bungalows will be proceeded with and the sites cleared.

There still remains the problem of providing suitable accommodation for the aged persons in the area and the Council are now giving this their attention.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Applications received and granted totalled.....20
The amount of money totalled.....£4,290
No applications were received for Discretionary Grants.
No applications were received for Improvement Grants.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

K.E. Howells,

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS REPORT.

Council Offices,

Bedwas.

Mon.

June, 1968.

To:-

The Chairman and Members of the
Bedwas and Machen Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ended 31st December,
1967.

NOTICES SERVED

1.	<u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 (Section 92 & 93)</u> <u>(Abatement of Nuisances & Repairs to</u> <u>Poperties).</u>	<u>1967</u>
	Preliminary Notices and Letters.....	193
	Abatement Notices.....	0
2.	<u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 (Section 269)</u> <u>(Moveable Dwellings).</u>	
	Preliminary Notices and Letters.....	4
3.	<u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 (Section 44)</u> <u>(Closet Accommodation).</u>	
	Preliminary Notices and Letters.....	2
4.	<u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1961 (Section 34)</u> <u>(Accumulation of Rubbish).</u>	
	Preliminary Notices and Letters.....	34

HOUSING

More people have taken advantage of the Standard Grant facilities provided for in the Housing Act, 1964 and it seems that still more will avail themselves of them.

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

Houses demolished (Not in clearance areas).....	14
Houses still standing and subject to Demolition or Closing Orders.....	8
Number of above houses still occupied.....	NIL
Number of houses dealt with other than in Clearance Areas.....	2

UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

After informal action by Local Authority.....	68
After formal Notice under Public Health Acts.....	NIL

RENT ACT, 1957

There were no applications during the year.

COUNCIL HOUSES

Inspections were carried out of houses on the cessation and exchange of tenancies in company with a member of the Engineer's Department.

Visits and re-visits made.....	132
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Visits made to houses where the tenants have to be subjected to frequent surveillance to maintain cleanliness.

Visits made for this purpose.....	41
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Visits were made to houses where infectious diseases existed and all the necessary work regarding disinfection and advice was carried out.

There were no cases of Food Poisoning notified and disinfectants were given to the people concerned.

WATER SUPPLIES

The authority is a constituent member of the Rhymney Valley Water Board and all dwellings receive an ample and satisfactory water supply.

At the present time work is proceeding to provide an auxiliary supply for the new houses in the upper reaches of the Machen Ward.

The water is sampled regularly by the Water Board and eight samples were taken by me for check, which were entirely satisfactory.

DRAINS AND SEWERS

Soil drains and sewers are discharged into the trunk sewer of the Rhymney Valley Sewerage Board and surface water drains empty into the river Rhymney.

There is no gross pollution of the river by any effluent from any part of the district.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Daily recordings of smoke pollution of the atmosphere have been taken during the year and the smoke stain results have been submitted to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, by the County Public Health Inspector after the reflectometer readings are made.

The Council is also a participant in the County Radio-Active Fallout Supervision Scheme whereby samples of air, drinking water, rainwater, sewage effluent and bulk milk supplies are taken and examined as to the amount of radio-activity given off. Information is forwarded to the office every quarter, and up to the present time the radio-activity is well below the dangerous level.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Domestic refuse is collected once weekly from every dwelling in the district and there is no official collection of any trade refuse.

The disposal of the refuse at the Fountain Bridge Tip is quickly drawing to a close, and other sites must be explored for the purpose of tipping, as the present tip is causing a nuisance to the dwellings situated near the tip.

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES

Number of shops in which assistants are employed.....	26
Number of other Food Shops.....	50
Number of cafes.....	4
Number of Fish Friers.....	4

FOOD SHOPS REGISTERED UNDER FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

(a) Manufacture of Sausages and Cooked Meats.....	4
(b) Sale of Ice-cream.....	28
(c) Manufacture of Ice-cream.....	1

SUMMARY OF FOODSTUFFS SURRENDERED AND CONDEMNED

Cans of various fruits and vegetables.....	73
Canned meats.....	18
Canned fish and pastes.....	4
Canned soups.....	15
Sausages and Meat Pies.....	NIL

CAFES, CANTEENS AND LICENSED PREMISES.

Inspections were carried out of all cafes, canteens and licensed premises and the number of visits made for this purpose totalled 15.

The standard of cleanliness and hygiene is well maintained.

HAIRDRESSING ESTABLISHMENTS

No. of registered hairdressers.....	11
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Premises are regularly inspected and the inspections show that the bye-laws are adhered to and cleanliness is maintained.

A hundred per cent meat inspection was carried out during the year at the three private slaughterhouses in the district.

At the Co-operative Wholesale Society Abattoir, Maesycwmmer, your additional Public Health Inspector was employed full time in Meat Inspection.

During holidays and sickness, etc., assistance has been provided by neighbouring authorities inspectors, to ensure a hundred per cent inspection.

Also the working has involved overtime every Sunday and some weekdays.

The statistics relating to the inspection and slaughtering are as follows:-

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Pigs	Sheep and Lambs
Number slaughtered	2216	34	9	6153	117438
Number inspected	2216	34	9	6153	117438
All Diseases except T.B. & Cystercercosis					
Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	6	NIL
Part or organ condemned	901	118	NIL	501	2001
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcase of which some part or organ condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	97	NIL
<u>Cystercerci</u> Carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned.	14	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Percentages of Animals affected:-

Conditions other than Tuberculosis:-

Cattle excluding Cows.....	40.7%
Cows.....	53%
Calves.....	NIL
Pigs.....	8.14%
Sheep & Lambs.....	11.4%

T.B. Only:-

Cattle excluding Cows.....	NIL
Cows.....	NIL
Calves.....	NIL
Pigs.....	1.56%
Sheep & Lambs.....	NIL

Percentage of animals affected with cysterccerci.....NIL

No carcasses were submitted to refridgeration treatment.

Total approximate weight of meat ond offals condemned:-

7 tons 14cwts. 24 lbs.

PEST CONTROL AND RODENT INFESTATION

One Rodent Operator is employed full time in Rodent Disinfestation.

Two sewer maintenance treatments were carried out during the year and special attention was given to the refuse tip and river banks to control potential reservoirs of rats.

The baiting and treatment of the sewers shows no evidence of undue infestation.

The Redbrook Refuse Tip is very difficult to treat owing to the method of disposal, but every effort is being made to control the infestation.

The following is a brief summary of work carried out during the year:-

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERSType of PropertyNon-
Agricultural

Agricultural

1. No. of properties in district.	3786	42.
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	128	2
(b) Number infested by: Rats	106	2
Mice	22	-
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	203	8
(b) Number infested by: Rats	36	3
Mice	8	1

SEWERS

4. There were no sewers infested by rats during the year.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered	No. of persons employed
Office.	13	32
Retail Shops.	30	63
Wholesale shops, warehouses.	2	6
Catering Establishments.	8	24
TOTAL	53	125

No. of visits made during the year.....104

There were no contraventions of the Act during the year.

FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES

Visits were made to the factories and workplaces in the district and the number of inspections for these purposes were 113.

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACTS

PART 11 OF THE ACT

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to Health
(Including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises:	No. of Regist- ered.	No. of Inspec- tions.	Written Notices
Factories in which Section 11, 2, 4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authority.	12	7	NIL
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	1	2	NIL
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	10	6	NIL

2. Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars.	Defects Found.	Defects Remedied.
Section 11 - Cleanliness.	NIL	NIL
Section 5 and 7 Lighting and Provision of Sanitary Accommodation.	1	1

There are no Outworkers in the District.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

H.R. Sulway.

Public Health Inspector.

